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# Night Hikers to Explore Woods at Lake Accotink

While humans spend chilly winter nights indoors keeping warm, wild animals are busy trying to survive the winter. The Fairfax County Park Authority has scheduled a night hike at Lake Accotink in Springfield on Saturday, November 24, 2007 to search for these nocturnal creatures. Night hikers will plunge into the woods at 7:30 p.m. and return at 9 p.m.

Winter nights are one of the best times to explore the forest. The bare trees make it easier to listen and look for animals. Hikers may hear the hoot of an owl as it scans the forest floors from high above, or spot a stealthy fox or timid deer foraging among the underbrush.

Remember to bring a flashlight and dress warmly. The cost of the activity is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children under 16 years. Reservations and prepayment are required. The hike is not suited for children under seven. To reserve, call 703-569-0285.

Lake Accotink is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield.

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